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SUBJECT: GVN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS

REF: A. SAIGON 174; B. SAIGON 231; C. STATE 8365

1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED WITH RVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED GRVN'S REQUEST FOR AID TO
NEW VICTIMS OF CONFLICT IN SVN. VAN LOI CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS
TRANSMITTED TO ICRC, WHO, UNHCR, AND UNDRO HIS GOVERNMENT'S
OFFICIAL REQUEST AS QUOTED IN REFTEL B.

2. ICRC AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO BE HELPFUL AND HAS INSTRUCTED ICRC
DELEGATES IN SVN TO ASSESS NEEDS AND REPORT. BASIS SUCH REPORT,
ICRC IN CONJUNCTION LICROSS MAY APPEAL TO SELECTED NATIONAL RED
CROSS SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS FOR CASH AND/OR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.
MEANTIME, THAI RED CROSS HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO SEND
BLOOD PLASMA.

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3. WHO ALSO REACTED POSITIVELY AND HAS INSTRUCTED WHO REP IN SAIGON TO COORDINATE WITH SVN AUTHORITIES AND DEVELOP ESTIMATES OF NEEDS IN MEDICAL FIELD AND REPORT.

4. UNDRO WITH GREEN LIGHT FROM U.N. SEC GEN WALDHEIM ALSO REACTED POSITIVELY. UNDRO WILL UNDERTAKE COORDINATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS U.N. BODIES FOR BENEFIT NEW VICTIMS OF CONFLICT VIETNAM. BASIS PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM U.N. RES REP SAIGON (SALES), UNICEF HAS ALREADY DISPATCHED SUPPLY OF ABC HEALTH KITS, WHICH HAD BEEN WAREHOUSED IN COPENHAGEN AND SINGAPORE. UNDRO PRESENTLY IN CONTACT WITH WFP ROME VIEW EARLY PROVISION OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS. WHEN BETTER ESTIMATES OF NEEDS DEVELOPED, UNDRO WILL CONSIDER LAUNCHING APPEAL TO SELECTED U.N. MEMBER STATES FOR CAS AND/OR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. UNHCR INDICATED WILLINGNESS CONSIDER SHIFTING \$4 MILLION FROM UNHCR'S PREVIOUSLY PLANNED \$12 MILLION RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINA TO PROJECTS FOR NEW VICTIMS PROVIDING GRVN SUBMITS NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS.

6. AT AMB. VAN LOI'S SUGGESTION, MISSION'S CONTACTS WITH ICRC AND ABOVE MENTIONED U.N. AGENCIES HAVE BEEN LOW-KEY. WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION UNHCR APPROACH TOWARD WHICH GRVN HAS SOME RESERVATIONS, VAN LOI CONSIDERS EFFORTS TO DATE SATISFACTORY. HE WILL REVERT TO US FOR HELP VIS-A-VIS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS IF AND WHEN NECESSARY. DALE

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